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AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 4-66c of the general
- 2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (Effective July 1, 2004):
- 4 (a) For the purposes of subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond
- 5 Commission shall have power, from time to time to authorize the
- 6 issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal
- 7 amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [nine hundred six million nine
- 8 hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred forty-four] nine hundred
- 9 <u>eighty-two million four hundred eighty-seven thousand five hundred</u>
- 10 <u>forty-four</u> dollars, provided [one hundred seven] <u>seventy-five</u> million
- 11 <u>five hundred thousand</u> dollars of said authorization shall be effective
- 12 July 1, [2003] 2004. All provisions of section 3-20, as amended, or the
- 13 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
- 14 inconsistent with the provisions of this section, are hereby adopted

and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it a request for such authorization, which is signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission in its discretion may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and accordingly as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due.

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used, subject to the provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of this section, for the purpose of redirecting, improving and expanding state activities which promote community conservation and development and improve the quality of life for urban residents of the state as hereinafter stated: (1) For the Department of Economic and Community Development: Economic and community development projects, including administrative costs incurred by the Department of Economic and Community Development, not exceeding [seventy-four million five hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred forty-two] sixty-seven million five hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred forty-two dollars, one million dollars of which shall be used for a grant to the development center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-411;

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49 [and provided seven million dollars of said authorization shall be 50 effective July 1, 2003;] (2) for the Department of Transportation: Urban 51 mass transit, not exceeding two million dollars; (3) for the Department 52 of Environmental Protection: Recreation development and solid waste 53 disposal projects, not exceeding one million nine hundred ninety-five 54 thousand nine hundred two dollars; (4) for the Department of Social 55 Services: Child day care projects, elderly centers, shelter facilities for 56 victims of domestic violence, emergency shelters and related facilities 57 for the homeless, multipurpose human resource centers and food 58 distribution facilities, not exceeding thirty-nine million one hundred 59 thousand dollars, provided four million dollars of said authorization 60 shall be effective July 1, 1994; (5) for the Department of Economic and 61 Community Development: Housing projects, not exceeding three 62 million dollars; (6) for the Office of Policy and Management: (A) 63 Grants-in-aid to municipalities for a pilot demonstration program to 64 leverage private contributions for redevelopment of designated 65 historic preservation areas, not exceeding one million dollars; (B) 66 grants-in-aid for urban development projects including economic and 67 community development, transportation, environmental protection, 68 public safety, children and families and social services projects and 69 programs, including, in the case of economic and community 70 development projects administered on behalf of the Office of Policy 71 and Management by the Department of Economic and Community 72 Development, administrative costs incurred by the Department of 73 Economic and Community Development, not exceeding [seven 74 hundred eighty-five million three hundred thousand] eight hundred 75 sixty-seven million eight hundred thousand dollars, provided [one 76 hundred] eighty-two million five hundred thousand dollars of said 77 authorization shall be effective July 1, [2003] 2004. Five million dollars 78 of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) 79 of this subsection may be made available to private nonprofit 80 organizations for the purposes described in said subparagraph (B). 81 [Five] Ten million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in 82 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection may be made

- 83 available for necessary renovations and improvements of libraries.
- 84 Five million dollars of the grants-in-aid authorized in subparagraph
- 85 (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection shall be made available for
- small business gap financing. Ten million dollars of the grants-in-aid
- 87 authorized in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (6) of this subsection
- 88 may be made available for regional economic development revolving
- 89 <u>loan funds.</u>
- 90 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 4-66g of the general statutes is
- 91 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 92 1, 2004):
- 93 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
- 94 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
- 95 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
- 96 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [forty] sixty
- 97 million dollars, provided twenty million dollars of said authorization
- 98 shall be effective July 1, [2001] 2004. [, and twenty million dollars of
- 99 said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2002.]
- Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 4a-10 of the general statutes is
- 101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 102 1, 2004):
- 103 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
- 104 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
- authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
- 106 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred
- 107 [thirty] <u>forty-eight</u> million dollars, provided [nineteen] <u>eighteen</u>
- million [five hundred thousand] dollars of said authorization shall be
- 109 effective July 1, [2002] <u>2004</u>.
- Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 7-538 of the general statutes is
- 111 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 112 1, 2004):

- 113 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
 114 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
 115 authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
 116 in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [four hundred
 117 seventy million] <u>four hundred sixty-five million</u> dollars. [, provided
 118 sixty-five million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1,
 119 2003.]
- Sec. 5. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any reduction in funds available under sections 7-535 to 7-538, inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005, each municipality shall be entitled to the full amount of the credit to which it would have been entitled if thirty million dollars had been made available under said sections 7-535 to 7-538, inclusive, for each such year.
- Sec. 6. Section 10-287d of the general statutes, as amended by section 20 of public act 03-2 of the September 8 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2004):
 - For the purposes of funding (1) grants to projects that have received approval of the State Board of Education pursuant to sections 10-287, as amended, and 10-287a, subsection (a) of section 10-65 and section 10-76e, (2) grants to assist school building projects to remedy safety and health violations and damage from fire and catastrophe, and (3) regional vocational-technical school projects pursuant to section 10-283b, the State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, as amended, to issue bonds of the state from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount not exceeding [three billion five hundred forty-six million three hundred sixty thousand] four billion one hundred seventy-one million eight hundred sixty thousand dollars, provided [four hundred fifty-eight] six hundred twenty-five million five hundred thousand dollars of said authorization shall be effective July

1, [2003] 2004. Bonds of each series shall bear such date or dates and mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates and be subject to such redemption privileges, with or without premium, as may be fixed by the State Bond Commission. They shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest and the full faith and credit of the state is pledged for the payment of the interest thereon and the principal thereof as the same shall become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become due. The State Treasurer is authorized to invest temporarily in direct obligations of the United States, United States agency obligations, certificates of deposit, commercial paper or bank acceptances such portion of the proceeds of such bonds or of any notes issued in anticipation thereof as may be deemed available for such purpose.

Sec. 7. Section 10-292k of the general statutes, as amended by section 21 of public act 03-2 of the September 8 special session, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

For purposes of funding interest subsidy grants, except for interest subsidy grants made pursuant to subsection (b) of section 10-292m, the State Treasurer is authorized and directed, subject to and in accordance with the provisions of section 3-20, as amended, to issue bonds of the state from time to time in one or more series in an aggregate amount not exceeding [one hundred ninety-eight million one hundred thousand] two hundred thirty-one million one hundred thousand dollars, provided [twenty-seven] thirty-three million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, [2003] 2004. Bonds of each series shall bear such date or dates and mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years from their respective dates and be subject to such redemption privileges, with or without premium, as may be fixed by the State Bond Commission. They shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest and the full faith and credit of the

178 state is pledged for the payment of the interest thereon and the 179 principal thereof as the same shall become due, and accordingly and as 180 part of the contract of the state with the holders of said bonds, 181 appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual payment of such 182 principal and interest is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay 183 such principal and interest as the same become due. The State 184 Treasurer is authorized to invest temporarily in direct obligations of 185 the United States, United States agency obligations, certificates of 186 deposit, commercial paper or bank acceptances, such portion of the 187 proceeds of such bonds or of any notes issued in anticipation thereof as 188 may be deemed available for such purpose.

- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 22a-483 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2004):
- (a) For the purposes of sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts, not exceeding in the aggregate [eight hundred one] seven hundred forty-one million thirty thousand dollars. [, provided sixty million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, 2003.]
 - Sec. 9. Section 32-607 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (q) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):
 - (NEW) (q) In connection with the issuance of bonds to finance the convention center project or to refund bonds previously issued by the authority to finance the convention center project, the authority may create and establish one or more reserve funds to be known as special capital reserve funds and may pay into such special capital reserve funds (1) any moneys appropriated and made available by the state for the purposes of such funds, (2) any proceeds of sale of notes or bonds for the convention center project, to the extent provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance thereof, and (3)

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any other moneys which may be made available to the authority for the purpose of such funds from any other source or sources. The moneys held in or credited to any special capital reserve fund established under this section, except as hereinafter provided, shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on, when due, whether at maturity or by mandatory sinking fund installments, on bonds of the authority secured by such capital reserve fund as the same become due, the purchase of such bonds of the authority, the payment of any redemption premium required to be paid when such bonds are redeemed prior to maturity; provided the authority shall have power to provide that moneys in any such fund shall not be withdrawn therefrom at any time in such amount as would reduce the amount of such funds to less than the maximum amount of principal and interest becoming due by reasons of maturity or a required sinking fund installment in the then current or any succeeding calendar year on the bonds of the authority then outstanding or the maximum amount permitted to be deposited in such fund by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to permit the interest on said bonds to be excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes and secured by such special capital reserve fund, such amount being herein referred to as the "required minimum capital reserve", except for the purpose of paying such principal of, redemption premium and interest on such bonds of the authority secured by such special capital reserve becoming due and for the payment of which other moneys of the authority are not available. The authority may provide that it shall not issue bonds secured by a special capital reserve fund at any time if the required minimum capital reserve on the bonds outstanding and the bonds then to be issued and secured by the same special capital reserve fund at the time of issuance, unless the authority, at the time of the issuance of such bonds, shall deposit in such special capital reserve fund from the proceeds of the bonds so to be issued, or otherwise, an amount which, together with the amount then in such special capital reserve fund, will

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be not less than the required minimum capital reserve. On or before December first, annually, there is deemed to be appropriated from the state General Fund such sums, if any, as shall be certified by the chairman or vice-chairman of the authority to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Treasurer, as necessary to restore each such special capital reserve fund to the amount equal to the required minimum capital reserve of such fund, and such amounts shall be allotted and paid to the authority. For the purpose of evaluation of any such special capital reserve fund, obligations acquired as an investment for any such fund shall be valued at market. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude the authority from establishing and creating other debt service reserve funds in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes of the authority which are not special capital reserve funds. Subject to any agreement or agreements with holders of outstanding notes and bonds of the authority, any amount or amounts allotted and paid to the authority pursuant to this section shall be repaid to the state from moneys of the authority at such time as such moneys are not required for any other of its corporate purposes and in any event shall be repaid to the state on the date one year after all bonds and notes of the authority theretofore issued on the date or dates such amount or amounts are allotted and paid to the authority or thereafter issued, together with interest on such bonds and notes, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of the holders thereof, are fully met and discharged. No bonds secured by a special capital reserve fund shall be issued to pay project costs unless the authority is of the opinion and determines that the revenues from the project shall be sufficient to (A) pay the principal of and interest on the bonds issued to finance the project, (B) establish, increase and maintain any reserves deemed by the authority to be advisable to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds, (C) pay the cost of maintaining the project in good repair and keeping it properly insured, and (D) pay such other costs of the project as may be required. No bonds secured by a special

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- capital reserve fund shall be issued unless the issuance of such bonds is approved by the Treasurer.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 32-616 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2004):
- 283 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section the 284 State Bond Commission shall have power, from time to time but in no 285 case later than June 30, [2005] 2009, to authorize the issuance of bonds 286 of the state, in one or more series and in principal amounts and in the 287 aggregate not exceeding one hundred fifteen million dollars and such 288 additional amounts as may be required in connection with the costs of 289 issuance of the bonds including bond anticipation, temporary and 290 interim notes, the proceeds of which shall be used by the State 291 Treasurer to pay the costs of issuance, provided in computing the total 292 amount of bonds which may at any one time be outstanding, the 293 principal amount of any refunding bonds issued to refund bonds shall be excluded. 294
- Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2004):
- 298 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [five hundred five million three hundred thousand] four hundred ninety-five million three hundred thousand dollars. [, provided ten million dollars of said authorization shall be effective on July 1, 2003.]
- Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 32-235 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2004):

(b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the Department of Economic and Community Development for the purposes of sections 32-220 to 32-234, inclusive, including economic cluster-related programs and activities, and for the Connecticut job training finance demonstration program pursuant to sections 32-23uu and 32-23vv provided, (1) three million dollars shall be used by said department solely for the purposes of section 32-23uu and not more than five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of the amount stated in said subsection (a) may be used by said department for the purposes of section 31-3u, (2) not less than one million dollars shall be used for an educational technology grant to the deployment center program and the nonprofit business consortium deployment center approved pursuant to section 32-411, [and] (3) not less than two million dollars shall be used by said department for the establishment of a pilot program to make grants to businesses in designated areas of the state for construction, renovation or improvement of small manufacturing facilities provided such grants are matched by the business, a municipality or another financing entity. The commissioner shall designate areas of the state where manufacturing is a substantial part of the local economy and shall make grants under such pilot program which are likely to produce a significant economic development benefit for the designated area, and (4) five million dollars may be used by said department for the manufacturing competitiveness grants program.

Sec. 13. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2004) In accordance with the provisions of section 32-462 of the general statutes, during the period commencing July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2007, the Department of Economic and Community Development may provide financial assistance from existing programs to Downtown Torrington Redevelopment LLC for the purposes of restoration and improvements to property in the city of Torrington, in said time period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed thirty million dollars.

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- Sec. 14. Subsection (a) of section 32-262 of the general statutes is
- 342 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
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- 344 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
- 345 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time, to
- authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and
- in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [thirty-nine] thirty
- 348 million dollars.
- Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 3 of public act 96-250 is amended to
- read as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):
- 351 (a) For the purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, the
- 352 State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to time to
- authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in
- 354 principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [five] three million
- 355 dollars.
- Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 17a-225 of the general statutes is
- 357 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 358 1, 2004):
- 359 (a) The State Bond Commission shall have the power, from time to
- 360 time to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more
- 361 series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [four]
- 362 six million dollars.
- Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 10a-186a of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 365 1, 2004):
- 366 (a) In connection with the issuance of bonds to finance a project at a
- 367 participating nursing home or to refund bonds previously issued by
- 368 the authority to finance a project at a participating nursing home, [or]
- 369 to finance dormitories, residential facilities, student centers, food
- 370 service facilities and other auxiliary service facilities and related

buildings and improvements at a public institution of higher education, or to finance up to one hundred million dollars, in the aggregate, for equipment, including installation and any necessary building renovations or alterations for the installation and operation of such equipment, for participating health care institutions at the discretion of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Treasurer, the authority may create and establish one or more reserve funds to be known as special capital reserve funds and may pay into such special capital reserve funds (1) any moneys appropriated and made available by the state for the purposes of such funds, (2) any proceeds of sale of notes or bonds for a project, to the extent provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance thereof, and (3) any other moneys which may be made available to the authority for the purpose of such funds from any other source or sources. The moneys held in or credited to any special capital reserve fund established under this section, except as hereinafter provided, shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest, when due, whether at maturity or by mandatory sinking fund installments, on bonds of the authority secured by such capital reserve fund as the same become due, the purchase of such bonds of the authority, the payment of any redemption premium required to be paid when such bonds are redeemed prior to maturity; provided the authority shall have power to provide that moneys in any such fund shall not be withdrawn therefrom at any time in such amount as would reduce the amount of such funds to less than the maximum amount of principal and interest becoming due by reasons of maturity or a required sinking fund installment in the then current or any succeeding calendar year on the bonds of the authority then outstanding or the maximum amount permitted to be deposited in such fund by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to permit the interest on said bonds to be excluded from gross income for federal tax purposes and secured by such special capital reserve fund, such amount being herein referred to as

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Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4a-9 of the general statutes, the Department of Social Services may provide up to five hundred thousand dollars of the funds authorized under section 4a-10 of the general statutes to the United Way of Connecticut for the purchase of capital equipment for the 2-1-1 Infoline program.

Sec. 19. Section 22-26hh of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

The State Bond Commission shall have power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in the aggregate [eighty-seven million seven hundred fifty thousand] eighty-nine million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, the proceeds of which shall be used for the purposes of section 22-26cc, as amended, provided not more than two million dollars of said authorization shall be effective July 1, [2002] 2004, and further provided not more than two million dollars shall be used for the purposes of section 22-26jj, as amended. All provisions of section 3-20, as amended, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section

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Sec. 20. Section 32-669 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

(a) On or before February 1, 2003, and annually thereafter, <u>until five</u> <u>years after the opening of the convention center</u>, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall prepare a report regarding the status of the Adriaen's Landing project and The University of Connecticut football stadium project. Such report shall be made, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives and to the joint standing

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(b) Such report shall be separated into a section on the Adriaen's Landing project and a section on The University of Connecticut football stadium project and shall contain the following information: (1) A detailed estimated budget for the overall project; (2) the current timeline for the entire project, with significant milestone events, from inception to projected completion date; (3) for each project component, including, but not limited to, the science center, (A) a description of the component, (B) its current budget in detail, comparing it to the budget presented to the General Assembly prior to May 2, 2000, (C) projected completion date, (D) any change made in the course of planning and execution over the prior calendar year and reasons for such change, and (E) status at the end of such calendar year; (4) problems encountered in the prior calendar year and potential problems in the future; (5) status of the project's compliance with the provisions of section 32-605, including, but not limited to, (A) a description of each contract entered into during the prior calendar year, (B) whether any contractor is a woman-owned business enterprise, a minority business enterprise or a small business enterprise, as those terms are defined in section 4a-60g, (C) the value of such contract, (D) any subcontractors under such contract, the value of the subcontract and whether any subcontractor is a woman-owned business enterprise, a minority business enterprise or a small business enterprise, as those terms are defined in section 4a-60g, (E) the number of jobs associated with such contract, including the number of jobs held by residents of Hartford and East Hartford and the number of jobs held by women and minorities, and (F) any steps being taken for affirmative action and corrective measures for any deficiencies; (6) a detailed projected annual operating budget for each facility, including information regarding how much funding the state will be required to provide and how much the municipality will be required to provide; [and] (7) a

538 timeline showing when operating expenses may be incurred prior to 539 the project's completion, including how much of such expenses will be 540 provided by the state in each year and how much will be provided by the host municipality; (8) current estimates for funding from all state 541 542 and private sources for each component of the project for each fiscal year in which the funding is made available; (9) a summary of the total 543 544 funding for the project from each of the following sources: (A) General 545 obligation bonds, (B) funding from the General Fund operating 546 surplus, (C) revenue bonds issued by the Capital City Economic 547 Development Authority, with the associated General Fund costs, 548 including, but not limited to, General Fund debt service 549 reimbursement for the parking garage and utility plant, (D) tax 550 exemptions or credits granted to any part of the project, (E) payments 551 in lieu of taxes made to any municipality for any component of the 552 project, (F) the operating subsidy for the convention center and the 553 science center, (G) private investments, and (H) any other sources; and 554 (10) detailed financial information regarding the income and expenses 555 of any public entities operating at Adriaen's Landing.

Sec. 21. Section 1-124 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

(a) The Connecticut Development Authority, the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority, the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, the Connecticut Housing Authority. [and] the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority and the Capital City Economic Development Authority shall not borrow any money or issue any bonds or notes which are guaranteed by the state of Connecticut or for which there is a capital reserve fund of any kind which is in any way contributed to or guaranteed by the state of Connecticut until and unless such borrowing or issuance is approved by the State Treasurer or the Deputy State Treasurer appointed pursuant to section 3-12. The approval of the State Treasurer or said deputy shall be based on documentation provided by the authority

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that it has sufficient revenues to (1) pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes issued, (2) establish, increase and maintain any reserves deemed by the authority to be advisable to secure the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes, (3) pay the cost of maintaining, servicing and properly insuring the purpose for which the proceeds of the bonds and notes have been issued, if applicable, and (4) pay such other costs as may be required.

(b) To the extent the Connecticut Development Authority, Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated, Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, Connecticut Housing Finance Authority, Connecticut Housing Authority, Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority, [or] Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority or the Capital City Economic Development Authority is permitted by statute and determines to exercise any power to moderate interest rate fluctuations or enter into any investment or program of investment or contract respecting interest rates, currency, cash flow or other similar agreement, including, but not limited to, interest rate or currency swap agreements, the effect of which is to subject a capital reserve fund which is in any way contributed to or guaranteed by the state of Connecticut, to potential liability, such determination shall not be effective until and unless the [Treasurer of the state State Treasurer or his or her deputy appointed pursuant to section 3-12 has approved such agreement or agreements. The approval of the State Treasurer or his or her deputy shall be based on documentation provided by the authority that it has sufficient revenues to meet the financial obligations associated with the agreement or agreements.

Sec. 22. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority shall allocate from its reserves an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate for a period not to exceed three years to establish a Captive Insurance Demonstration Program Grant Fund. The fund shall be used to provide grants to nonprofit hospitals that establish a captive insurer

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or expand coverage offered by an existing captive insurer in order to provide medical malpractice indemnity or insurance to physicians and surgeons who enjoy privileges at the hospitals. The fund may cover legal, actuarial, consulting and other costs associated with providing such indemnity or insurance. Any amount in the fund that is not expended at the end of the three-year period shall revert to the authority's reserves.

- (b) Grants shall be awarded based on the size and financial resources of the hospitals. Grants shall not exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars per captive insurer and shall not be used to establish or expand more than two captive insurers. No hospital shall be eligible for a grant under this section unless it agrees to provide the authority, on a periodic basis as determined by the authority but not less than annually, information on the captive insurer's performance including, but not limited to, premiums charged, captive insurer operating costs, claims experience, the estimated savings over methods of insurance used by the hospital prior to the creation of the captive insurer, and other information required by the authority.
- (c) Not later than February 1, 2005, and annually thereafter until February 1, 2008, the authority shall complete a report that includes an analysis of the information submitted to the authority by hospitals that receive a grant pursuant to this section. The report shall be made available to the public and the authority shall annually submit the report to the General Assembly in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.
- Sec. 23. (NEW) (Effective from passage) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority shall establish, within available resources, a program to allow nonprofit hospitals to access leases in order to finance costs associated with the digitization of patient records if such costs are exempt from taxation pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended. Such

leases may be made available to hospitals on an individual or group basis.

Sec. 24. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For the purposes of the program described in this section, municipalities, local boards of education with the approval of the municipal legislative body, regional school districts and regional educational service centers shall be deemed to be "participating qualified nonprofit organizations". For the purposes of this section, "preschool project" means the acquisition, construction, improvement, extension, furnishing or equipping of a structure or facility suitable for use for, required or useful for nonprofit educational programs for three-year-old or four-year-old children, including, but not limited to, school readiness and Head Start programs, or the acquisition of fixtures, equipment or machinery for such a structure or facility; "bonds" means any bonds, including refunding bonds, notes, temporary notes, interim certificates, debentures or other obligations of indebtedness; and "municipality" means a town, city, consolidated town or city or consolidated town and borough.

- (b) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority may issue bonds pursuant to section 10a-185 of the general statutes for the purpose of funding loans to a participating qualified nonprofit organization for preschool projects, including for two or more preschool projects jointly, which bonds may be secured, in whole or in part, by a pledge of revenues to be derived from the operation or use of a preschool project, including fees, charges, tuition or other revenues or third party payments made on behalf of children served by such preschool project to the extent permitted by law. In carrying out the purposes of this section, the authority shall have and may exercise the powers provided in section 10a-180 of the general statutes.
- (c) Participating qualified nonprofit organizations may borrow money from the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for any preschool project for which the authority is

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authorized to make loans pursuant to this section. In connection with such borrowing, participating qualified nonprofit organizations may enter into any loan or other agreement and make such covenants, representations and indemnities as such participating qualified nonprofit organization deems necessary or desirable to obtain such loans from the authority or to facilitate the issue of bonds by the authority to finance such loans, including agreements with providers of letters of credit, insurance or other credit facilities for such financings.

- (d) Any bonds issued pursuant this section shall not constitute indebtedness within the meaning of any statutory limitation on the indebtedness of any participating municipality, or of the municipality or member municipality if the borrower is a local board of education or regional school district. Bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special obligations of the municipality and shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than revenues pledged to the payment thereof, nor shall the municipality be subject to any liability thereon except to the extent of any pledged revenues. No holder or holders of any bonds shall have the right to compel any exercise of the taxing power of the municipality to pay any bonds or the interest thereon, or to enforce payment thereon against any property of the municipality except property encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of this section. The bonds shall not constitute a charge, lien or encumbrance, legal or equitable, upon any property of the municipality except property encumbered under the provisions and for the purposes of this section.
- 694 (e) The authority shall adopt procedures to carry out the purposes 695 of this section.
- 696 Sec. 25. Subsection (b) of section 10a-178 of the general statutes is 697 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from 698 passage):
- 699 (b) "Project", in the case of a participating institution for higher

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education, means a structure suitable for use as a dormitory or other housing facility, including housing for staff members, employees or students at such institution of higher education, dining hall, student union, administration building, academic building, library, laboratory, research facility, classroom, athletic facility, health care facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the instruction of students or the conducting of research or the operation of an institution for higher education, including parking and other facilities or structures essential or convenient for the orderly conduct of such institution for higher education, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended [, or items of equipment having a purchase price or lease rental value in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars and an estimated useful life of four years or longer which are necessary or desirable] or for the operation of a participating institution for higher education, or any combination thereof, but shall not include such items as books, fuel, supplies or other items the purchase of which [are] is customarily deemed to result in a current operating charge; in the case of a participating health care institution, means a structure suitable for use as a hospital, clinic, or other health care facility, laboratory, laundry, residence facility, including housing for nurses, interns, staff members, employees or students at such health care institution and their immediate families and for physically or mentally handicapped persons, administration building, research facility, and maintenance, storage or utility facility and other structures or facilities related thereto or required or useful for the operation of the project, including parking and other facilities or structures essential or convenient for the orderly operation of such project, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its use is intended [, or items of equipment having a purchase price or lease rental value in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars and an estimated useful life of four years or longer which are

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necessary or desirable or for the operation of a participating health care institution, or any combination thereof, but shall not include such items as fuel, supplies or other items the purchase of which [are] is customarily deemed to result in a current operating charge; in the case of a participating qualified nonprofit organization, means a structure or facility owned in its entirety by, or suitable for use in accordance with the charitable or nonprofit status of the qualified nonprofit organization, also including equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of the project in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of a participating qualified nonprofit corporation; and, in the case of a participating nursing home, means a structure or facility suitable for use as a nursing home, residential care home, rest home, health care facility for the handicapped, mental health facility or independent living facility subject to the licensing requirements of chapter 368v and appurtenant facilities, [and] equipment and machinery and other similar items necessary or convenient for the operation of a particular facility or structure in the manner for which its use is intended or for the operation of [such homes and facilities in the manner for which its use is intended] a participating nursing home.

Sec. 26. Subsection (k) of section 10a-179 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(k) (1) The authority may [incorporate] <u>form</u> one or more subsidiaries <u>to carry out the public purposes of the authority</u> and may transfer to any such subsidiary any moneys and real or personal property of any kind or nature. <u>Any such subsidiary may be organized as a stock or nonstock corporation or a limited liability company. Each such subsidiary shall have and may exercise such powers of the authority as are set forth in the resolution of the authority prescribing the purposes for which such subsidiary is formed and such other powers provided to it by law. Each such subsidiary shall <u>be deemed a quasi-public agency for purposes of chapter 12 and shall</u> have all the</u>

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privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the authority, including the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions provided under the general statutes for special capital reserve funds. Each such subsidiary shall be subject to suit provided its liability shall be limited solely to the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary and without recourse to the general funds, revenues, resources or any other assets of the authority. Each such subsidiary is authorized to assume or take title to property subject to any existing lien, encumbrance or mortgage and to mortgage, convey or dispose of its assets and pledge its revenues in order to secure any borrowing, for the purpose of refinancing, rehabilitating or improving its assets, provided each such borrowing or mortgage shall be a special obligation of the subsidiary, which obligation may be in the form of bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations to the extent permitted under this chapter to fund and refund the same and provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to secure the same by pledge or revenues, notes and other assets and which shall be payable solely from the assets, revenues and other resources of the subsidiary. The authority shall have the power to assign to a subsidiary any rights, moneys or other assets it has under any governmental program including the nursing home loan program. No borrowing shall be undertaken by a subsidiary of the authority without the approval of the authority.

- (2) Each such subsidiary shall act through its board of directors at least one-half of which shall be members of the board of directors of the authority, or their designees or officers or employees of the authority. A resolution of the authority shall prescribe the purposes for which each such subsidiary is formed.
- (3) The provisions of section 1-125, subsection (e) of section 10a-185 and this subsection shall apply to any officer, director, designee or employee appointed as a member, director or officer of any such subsidiary. Any such persons so appointed shall not be personally liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of any such subsidiary as

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- provided in said section 1-125. The subsidiary shall and the authority may provide for the indemnification to protect, save harmless and indemnify such officer, director, designee or employee as provided by said section 1-125.
- (4) The authority or such subsidiary may take, such actions as are necessary to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to qualify and maintain any such subsidiary as a corporation exempt from taxation under said internal revenue code.
- standard authority may make loans to each such subsidiary, following standard authority procedures, from its assets and the proceeds of its bonds, notes and other obligations, provided the source and security for the repayment of such loans is derived from the assets, revenues and resources of the subsidiary.
 - Sec. 27. Section 10a-180 of the general statutes, as amended by section 10 of public act 03-84 and section 27 of public act 03-278, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
 - The purpose of the authority shall be to assist institutions for higher education, health care institutions, nursing homes, child care or child development facilities, and qualified nonprofit organizations in the construction, financing and refinancing of projects or in any other manner provided in this chapter, and for this purpose the authority is authorized and empowered:
- (a) To have perpetual succession as a body politic and corporate and to adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;
- (b) To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;
- (c) To maintain an office at such place or places as it may designate;

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- 830 (d) To sue and be sued in its own name, and plead and be impleaded;
 - (e) To determine the location and character of any project to be financed under the provisions of this chapter, and to construct, reconstruct, renovate, replace, maintain, repair, operate, lease, as lessee or lessor, and regulate the same, to enter into contracts for any or all of such purposes, to enter into contracts for the management and operation of a project, and to designate a participating institution for higher education, a participating health care institution, a participating corporation, a participating nursing home or a participating qualified nonprofit organization as its agent to determine the location and character of a project undertaken by such participating institution for higher education, by such participating health care institution, by such participating corporation, by such participating nursing home or by such participating qualified nonprofit organization under the provisions of this chapter and as the agent of the authority, to construct, reconstruct, renovate, replace, maintain, repair, operate, lease, as lessee or lessor, and regulate the same, and, as the agent of the authority, to enter into contracts for any or all of such purposes, including contracts for the management and operation of such project;
 - (f) To issue bonds, bond anticipation notes and other obligations of the authority for any of its corporate purposes, and to fund or refund the same, all as provided in this chapter;
 - (g) Generally, to fix and revise from time to time and charge and collect rates, rents, fees and charges for the use of and for the services furnished or to be furnished by a project or any portion thereof and to contract with any person, partnership, association or corporation or other body public or private in respect thereof;
 - (h) To establish rules and regulations for the use of a project or any portion thereof and to designate a participating institution for higher education, a participating health care institution, a participating corporation, a participating nursing home or qualified nonprofit

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organization as its agent to establish rules and regulations for the use of a project undertaken by such participating institution for higher education, by such participating health care institution, by such participating corporation or by such participating nursing home or by such participating qualified nonprofit organization;

- (i) To employ consulting engineers, architects, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, superintendents, managers, and such other employees and agents as may be necessary in its judgment, and to fix their qualifications, duties and compensation;
- (j) To receive and accept from any public agency insurance, loans or grants for or in aid of the construction of a project or any portion thereof, and to receive and accept loans, grants, aid or contributions from any source of either money, property, labor or other things of value, to be held, used and applied only for the purposes for which such loans, grants, aid and contributions are made;
- (k) To mortgage any project and the site thereof for the benefit of the holders of bonds issued to finance such project;
- (l) To make loans to any participating institution for higher education, to any participating health care institution, to any participating corporation, to any participating nursing home and to any participating qualified nonprofit organization for the cost of a project in accordance with an agreement between the authority and such participating institution for higher education, such participating health care institution, such participating corporation, such participating nursing home or such participating qualified nonprofit organization and to utilize the services of an agent in making such loans or to agree to purchase federally guaranteed securities from any third parties making such loans; provided no such loan shall exceed the total cost of the project as determined by the participating institution for higher education, the participating health care institution, the participating corporation, the participating nursing

home or the participating qualified nonprofit organization, and approved by the authority;

- (m) To make loans to a participating institution for higher education, to a participating health care institution, to a participating corporation, to a participating nursing home or to a participating qualified nonprofit organization, to refinance or refund outstanding obligations or mortgages on the project, or advances issued for the cost of a project, made or given by such participating institution for higher education, such participating health care institution, such participating corporation, such participating nursing home or such participating qualified nonprofit organization, to utilize the services of an agent in making such loans or to agree to purchase federally guaranteed securities from any third parties making such loans and to create a security interest in revenues to be pledged to the authority;
- (n) To charge to and equitably apportion among participating institutions for higher education, participating health care institutions, participating corporations, participating nursing homes and participating qualified nonprofit organizations its administrative costs and expenses incurred in the exercise of the powers and duties conferred by this chapter;
- (o) To acquire and to agree to acquire any federally guaranteed security and to pledge or otherwise use any such federally guaranteed security in such manner as the authority deems in its best interest to secure or otherwise provide a source of repayment on any of its bonds or notes or to agree to make a loan to any participating institution for higher education, participating health care institution, participating corporation, participating nursing home or participating qualified nonprofit organization for the purpose of acquiring and entering into commitments to acquire any federally guaranteed security; provided that any agreement entered into pursuant to this subdivision may contain such provisions as are deemed necessary or desirable by the authority for the security or protection of the authority or the holders

of its bonds or notes; provided further that the authority, prior to making any such acquisition, commitment or loan, shall agree with any such participating institution for higher education, participating health care institution, participating corporation, participating nursing home or participating qualified nonprofit organization or any other appropriate institution or corporation to require that the proceeds derived from the acquisition of any such federally guaranteed security will be used for the purpose of financing or refinancing any project for such participating institution for higher education, participating health care institution, participating corporation, participating nursing home or participating qualified nonprofit organization;

- (p) To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this chapter. In carrying out the purposes of this chapter, the authority may undertake a project for two or more participating institutions for higher education jointly, two or more participating health care institutions jointly, two or more participating corporations jointly, two or more participating nursing homes jointly or two or more participating qualified nonprofit organizations jointly, or for any combination thereof of participating institutions for higher education, participating health care institutions, participating corporations, participating nursing homes or participating qualified nonprofit organizations, and, thereupon, all other provisions of this chapter shall apply to and for the benefit of the authority and such joint participants;
- (q) To make loans to any participating health care institution, to any participating institution for higher education, to any participating corporation, or to any participating qualified nonprofit organization which is organized, controlled or supervised by a health care institution or an institution of higher education to finance or refinance the cost of a project to be used to provide housing and auxiliary facilities for staff members, employees or students of any such health care institution or institution of higher education and their immediate families, for physically or mentally handicapped persons or for any one or more of the above purposes;

- (r) To make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under its enabling legislation, including contracts and agreements for such professional services as financial consultants, bond counsel, underwriters, technical specialists, as the board of directors shall deem necessary;
- (s) To invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement, including reserve funds, in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or the state of Connecticut, including the state's Short-Term or Long-Term Investment Fund, and in other <u>securities or</u> obligations which are legal investments for [savings] banks in this state, or in investment agreements with financial institutions whose short-term obligations are rated within the top two rating categories of any nationally recognized rating service or of any rating service recognized by the Banking Commissioner, or investment agreements fully secured by obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States or in securities or obligations which are legal investments for savings banks in this state, subject to repurchase agreements in the manner in which such agreements are negotiated in sales of securities in the market place, provided that the authority shall not enter into any such agreement with any securities dealer or bank acting as a securities dealer unless such dealer or bank is included in the list of primary dealers, effective at the time of such agreement, as prepared by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, provided the investment of escrowed proceeds of refunding bonds shall be governed by section 10a-192, and further provided nothing in this subsection shall limit the investment of reserve funds of the authority, or of any moneys held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or notes of the authority, pursuant to section 10a-190a;
- (t) To adopt regular procedures for exercising its power under its enabling legislation not in conflict with existing statutes;

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(u) To make grants or provide other forms of financial assistance to any institution for higher education, to any health care institution, to any nursing home, to any child care or child development facility and to any qualified nonprofit organization in such amounts, for such purposes and subject to such eligibility and other requirements as are established pursuant to written procedures adopted by the board of directors pursuant to subsection (h) of section 10a-179;

(v) (1) In connection with, or incidental to, the issuance or carrying of bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority, or acquisition or carrying of any investment or program of investment, to enter into any contract which the authority determines to be necessary or appropriate to place the obligation or investment of the authority, as represented by the bonds, notes or other obligations, investment or program of investment and the contract or contracts, in whole or in part, on the interest rate, currency, cash flow or other basis desired by the authority, including, without limitations, contracts commonly known as interest rate swap agreements, currency swap agreements, forward payment conversion agreements, futures or contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or changes in, interest rates, currency exchange rates, stock or other indices, or contracts to exchange cash flows or a series of payments, or contracts, including, without limitation, interest rate floors or caps, options, puts or calls to hedge payment, currency, rate, spread or similar exposure or, contracts for the purchase of option rights with respect to the mandatory tender for purchase of bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority, which are subject to mandatory tender or redemption, including the issuance of certificates evidencing the right of the owner to exercise such option rights. Such contracts or arrangements may also be entered into by the authority in connection with, or incidental to, entering into or maintaining any agreement which secures its bonds, notes or other obligations, subject to the terms and conditions thereof respecting outstanding obligations. (2) Bonds, notes and other obligations issued by the authority may be payable in accordance with their terms, in whole or in part, in currency other than lawful money of the United

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- 1025 States of America, provided the authority enters into a currency swap 1026 or similar agreement for payments in lawful money of the United 1027 States of America, which covers the entire amount of the debt service 1028 payment obligation of the authority with respect to the bonds, notes or 1029 other obligations payable in other currency, and further provided if the 1030 term of that agreement is less than the term of the bonds, notes or 1031 other obligations, the authority shall include a best efforts covenant to 1032 enter into additional agreements as may be necessary to cover the 1033 entire amount of the debt service payment obligation. (3) In connection 1034 with, or incidental to, the issuance or carrying of bonds, notes or other 1035 obligations or entering into any of the contracts or agreements referred 1036 to in subdivision (1) of this subsection, the authority may enter into 1037 credit enhancement or liquidity agreements, with payment, interest rate, currency, security, default, remedy and other terms and 1038 1039 conditions as the authority determines.
- Sec. 28. Subsections (e) and (f) of section 10a-185 of the general statutes are repealed and the following are substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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- (e) Neither the members of the board of directors of the authority nor any person executing the bonds, [or] notes or other obligations shall be liable personally on the bonds, [or] notes or other obligations or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.
- (f) The authority shall have power out of any funds available therefor to purchase its bonds, [or] notes or other obligations. The authority may hold, pledge, cancel or resell such bonds, notes or other obligations, subject to and in accordance with agreements with bondholders.
- Sec. 29. Section 10a-185 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):
- 1055 (NEW) (g) The authority is further authorized and empowered to

issue bonds, notes or other obligations under this section the interest on which may be includable in the gross income of the holder or holders thereof under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, to the same extent and in the same manner that interest on bills, notes, bonds or other obligations of the United States is includable in the gross income of the holder or holders thereof under any such internal revenue code. Any such bonds, notes or other obligations may be issued only upon a finding by the authority that such issuance is necessary, is in the public interest, and is in furtherance of the purposes and powers of the authority. The state hereby consents to such inclusion only for the bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority so authorized.

Sec. 30. Section 10a-190a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

The authority shall have power to contract with the holders of any of its bonds or notes as to the custody, collection, securing, investment and payment of any reserve funds of the authority, or of any moneys held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or notes, and to carry out such contracts. Any officer with whom, or any bank or trust company with which, such moneys shall be deposited as trustee thereof shall hold, invest, reinvest and apply the same for the purposes thereof, subject to such provisions as this chapter and the resolution authorizing the issue of the bonds or notes or the trust agreement securing such bonds or notes may provide.

- Sec. 31. Subsection (d) of section 10a-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage):
- (d) The portion of the proceeds of any such bonds issued for the additional purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of constructing and acquiring additions, improvements, extensions or enlargements of a project may be invested and reinvested [in direct obligations of, or

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obligations unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America and certificates of deposit or time deposits secured by direct obligations of, or obligations unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, or obligations of a state, a territory, or a possession of the United States of America, or any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or of the District of Columbia, within the meaning of Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, the full and timely payment of the principal of and interest on which are secured by an irrevocable deposit of direct obligations of the United States of America which, if the outstanding bonds are then rated by a nationally recognized rating agency, are rated in the highest rating category by such rating agency, maturing not later than the time or times when such proceeds will be needed for the purpose of paying all or any part of such cost as the provisions of this chapter and the resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds or the trust agreement securing such bonds may provide. The interest, income and profits, if any, earned or realized on such investment may be applied to the payment of all or any part of such cost or may be used by the authority in any lawful manner.

Sec. 32. Section 10a-194c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) The Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority shall establish a program to finance low interest loans for child care and child development centers, family resource centers and Head Start programs that shall be known as the Connecticut Child Care Facilities Program. Loans shall be made for the purpose of new construction or renovation of existing centers or complying with federal, state and local child care requirements, including health and safety standards. For purposes of this section, "child development center" means a building used by a nonprofit school readiness program, as defined in section 10-16p, as amended, and "child care center" means a nonprofit facility that is licensed by the Department of Public Health as a child

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- day care center or a group day care home, both as defined in section 19a-77, as amended.
- (b) The authority may issue bonds pursuant to section 10a-185 for
- the purpose of funding loans to child care and child development
- centers for the purposes provided in subsection (a) of this section,
- including for two or more child care or child development centers
- jointly, which bonds may be secured, in whole or in part, by a pledge
- of revenues to be derived from the operation or use of a child care or
- 1129 child development center, including third party payments made on
- behalf of children served by any such center to the extent permitted by
- 1131 <u>law. In carrying out the purposes of this section, the authority shall</u>
- have and may exercise the powers provided in section 10a-180.
- 1133 Sec. 33. (Effective from passage) Not more than one million dollars of
- the bond funds authorized under section 4-66c of the general statutes
- shall be made available to the city of Milford for (1) construction of a
- 1136 pavilion in the parking area at Walnut Beach, (2) extension of a
- 1137 boardwalk from Walnut Beach to Silver Sands State Park, (3)
- development of the Walnut Beach arts district, and (4) development of
- the Stowe Farm in the Walnut Beach district.
- 1140 Sec. 34. (Effective from passage) Not more than one million five
- 1141 hundred thousand dollars of the bond funds authorized under various
- public and special acts for the State Parks Improvement Program of the
- Department of Environmental Protection shall be made available for
- 1144 (1) extension of a boardwalk from Silver Sands State Park to Walnut
- Beach, and (2) the creation of handicapped access to Walnut Beach.
- 1146 Sec. 35. (Effective from passage) Bond proceeds authorized under
- section 4-66c of the general statutes that were allocated by the State
- Bond Commission at the January, 2001, commission meeting for a
- grant-in-aid to the city of Hartford for construction of senior centers
- shall remain available to the city until five years after the effective date
- of this section and shall not be reallocated.

Sec. 36. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 173 of the general statutes or the regulations adopted under said chapter 173, the board of education for the city of Bridgeport shall be eligible to submit a consolidated school construction grant application for multiple school projects and be eligible to receive a single grant equal to the state share of total costs of the projects. In addition to any funds supplied by the municipality, discretionary federal block grant and other designated funds may be deemed as locally supplied funding without regard to any zone restrictions that may limit the actual expenditure of such funds to specific schools. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (18) of section 10-282 of the general statutes, a project under this section may be considered a renovation project for purposes of receiving a state grant.

Sec. 37. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that no school building project be added to the list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of substitute senate bill 530 of the February 2004 regular session, the consolidated school construction project for the city of Bridgeport with estimated total project costs of twenty-five million dollars is included in said subdivision (1) of said bill and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the city of Bridgeport files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, and meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 38. (Effective from passage) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that no school building project be added to the list in subdivision (1) of section 1 of substitute senate bill 530 of the February 2004 regular session, the project for the purchase and alteration of a facility of the University of Bridgeport with estimated total project costs of thirty-five million five

hundred thousand dollars is included in said subdivision (1) of said bill and shall be eligible to subsequently be considered for a grant commitment from the state, provided the city of Bridgeport files an application for a school building project prior to June 30, 2004, meets all other provisions of chapter 173 of the general statutes and any regulation adopted by the State Board of Education.

Sec. 39. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10-283 of the general statutes, as amended, or any regulation adopted pursuant to said section 10-283, requiring that the scope of a school building project be set at the time of application for a school building project grant, the city of Bridgeport may change the scope of the project for the new Hall Elementary School (Project Number 015-0132 N) to a project to renovate the Skane Elementary School.

Sec. 40. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 22a-475 to 22a-483, inclusive, of the general statutes, the town of Groton shall be eligible for a grant-in-aid of not more than two million dollars for additional funding of eligible costs under said sections to assist the town in its upgrade of a wastewater treatment plant.

This act shall take effect as follows:		
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